

PROTECT AND PRESERVE SCOTTSDALE TASK FORCE

Work Plan

(1/10/2023)

Goal: develop a recommendation to City Council on a financial strategy to protect and preserve Scottsdale's open spaces and quality of life, through identifying and quantifying the unfunded needs for the protection, preservation and perpetual maintenance of the City's open spaces (e.g., Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt and McDowell Sonoran Preserve), public safety and other needs.

| PHASE | | TASK | DESCRIPTION | PRELIMINARY TIMELINE (subject to change) |
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| Determine Community Priorities and Support for Replacing 0.2% Preserve Tax | | | | |
| Phase 1 | 1.1 | Conduct Preliminary Community Survey | Conduct preliminary community survey to determine community’s priorities and support for replacing the 0.2% Preserve tax. Analyze survey results and findings. | Feb-Mar 2023 |
| | 1.2 | Review and Refine Workplan | Based on results of community survey, refine workplan Phases 2-4 as needed. Significant changes to the work plan are subject to Council approval. | |
| Define and Quantify Priority Unfunded Needs | | | | |
| Phase 2 | 2.1 | Identify and Quantify Unfunded Needs for the Perpetual Maintenance, Protection and Preservation of the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt and Other City Public Parks | Task involves studying and understanding the perpetual maintenance, protection and preservation needs of the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt and other public parks in the city, in collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Commission, to identify, define and quantify critical funding needs. (note: The Parks and Recreation Commission may provide recommendations on the operation, use, care and maintenance needs of the city’s public parks in accordance with their purpose as established in Scottsdale Revised Code Chapter 20, Article I) | Apr-Aug 2023 |
| | 2.2 | Identify and Quantify Unfunded Needs for the Perpetual Maintenance, Protection and Preservation of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve | Task involves studying and understanding the perpetual maintenance, protection and preservation needs of the existing Preserve, in collaboration with the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission, to identify, define and quantify critical funding needs. (note: The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission may provide recommendations on the maintenance, protection and preservation needs of the Preserve in accordance with their purpose as established in Scottsdale Revised Code Chapter 21, Article II.) | |
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| | 2.3 | Identify and Quantify Other Community Priorities indicated by Community Survey | Task involves identifying, defining and quantifying other community priorities indicated in the community survey. | |
| Develop Funding Recommendations | | | | |
| Phase 3 | 3.1 | Explore Funding Options for Priority Needs Identified | Explore and consider funding options for needs identified in Phase 1 & 2 (e.g., General Fund, grants, dedicated funding source including replacement of the 0.2% Preserve Tax expiring in 2025). | Aug – Nov 2023 |
| | 3.2 | Conduct Community Survey (if needed) | If voter approval is required for funding option(s) considered, task force may consider conducting a community survey on voter support. If community survey is conducted, analyze survey results and findings. | |
| | 3.3 | Develop Financial Strategy and Funding Recommendations | Task involves developing financial strategy and funding recommendations for priorities and critical needs identified. | |
| Report and Present Recommendations to Council | | | | |
| Phase 4 | 4.1 | Develop Report and Presentation for Council Consideration | Organize and develop recommendations for City Council consideration. If voter approval is required, recommendation must include recommended ballot question(s), specific tax rate, etc. Recommendations are subject to City Attorney and City Treasurer review to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations and city financial policies and practices. Draft report and presentation to City Council. | Nov 2023 – Jan 2024 |
| | 4.2 | Report and Present to Council | Participate in Council work study session to present findings and recommendations to City Council. | |
| Community Education and Outreach | | | | |
| Phase 5 | 5.1 | Community Education and Outreach | Assist in community education and outreach as directed and subject to applicable laws. | TBD |